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**From:** BERMAN, TESSA [Berman.Tessa@epa.gov]  
**Sent:** 4/3/2019 11:08:14 PM  
**To:** Castellana, Ben [castellana.ben@epa.gov]  
**CC:** Wise, Robert [Wise.Robert@epa.gov]  
**Subject:** RE: Contacted by 210 Slauson legal representative

Update: Mr. Lebow just called me back. They are working on getting an environmental consultant on board and asked that we do the call on Friday when they would have a little more information from that person. I told him that was fine and I plan to speak with the attorney again tomorrow to set up a time. I can reserve a conference line—let me know if there are times that do not work for you on Friday, and I will try to schedule around them.

Tessa

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**From:** BERMAN, TESSA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 3:54 PM  
**To:** Castellana, Ben <castellana.ben@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Wise, Robert <Wise.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Contacted by 210 Slauson legal representative

FYI, I left Mr. Lebow a message about setting up a call tomorrow—thus far no response but I will try to schedule for tomorrow morning and loop you both in.

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**From:** Castellana, Ben  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 12:38 PM  
**To:** BERMAN, TESSA <Berman.Tessa@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Contacted by 210 Slauson legal representative

I neglected to include Mr. Lebow's email: [lebow@srllplaw.com](mailto:lebow@srllplaw.com).

Thank you,

Ben

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**From:** Castellana, Ben  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 12:32 PM  
**To:** BERMAN, TESSA <Berman.Tessa@epa.gov>  
**Cc:** Wise, Robert <Wise.Robert@epa.gov>  
**Subject:** RE: Contacted by 210 Slauson legal representative

Hi Tessa,

Thank you; I am available all this week, so it might be best if you set up a call at your convenience. I also do not have access to a Conference Number. Attached is a list of people and entities associated with the two subject properties (210 and 216 W. Slauson). Dylan McCarthy is with Canon Property Management, representing the Devore family's properties, including 210 W. Slauson. Mr. Lebow is with the law firm representing the Devores.

I am available today to discuss whenever you have time. Robert Wise was the responding OSC, and he probably has a bit of additional information as well. I appreciate your help.

Sincerely,

Ben Castellana, Ph.D.  
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Superfund Emergency Response  
(562) 305-0694 cell

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**From:** BERMAN, TESSA  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 12:18 PM  
**To:** Castellana, Ben <[castellana.ben@epa.gov](mailto:castellana.ben@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** Wise, Robert <[Wise.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Wise.Robert@epa.gov)>; MUSANTE, JASON <[Musante.Jason@epa.gov](mailto:Musante.Jason@epa.gov)>; Allen, HarryL <[Allen.HarryL@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.HarryL@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Contacted by 210 Slauson legal representative

Hi Ben,

I would be happy to participate on a call and set it up if necessary. It would be useful for me if we could talk first so that I understand who's who. Is the Dylan (to whom your previous email is addressed) a member of the Devore family (represented by Lebow et al) or are there multiple RPs we are talking to?

I am available to discuss anytime today.

Tessa

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**From:** Castellana, Ben  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 03, 2019 12:10 PM  
**To:** Wise, Robert <[Wise.Robert@epa.gov](mailto:Wise.Robert@epa.gov)>; MUSANTE, JASON <[Musante.Jason@epa.gov](mailto:Musante.Jason@epa.gov)>; Allen, HarryL <[Allen.HarryL@epa.gov](mailto:Allen.HarryL@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** BERMAN, TESSA <[Berman.Tessa@epa.gov](mailto:Berman.Tessa@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** RE: Contacted by 210 Slauson legal representative

Hi Rob,  
I would like that as well.

Ben

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**From:** Wise, Robert  
**Sent:** Wednesday, April 3, 2019 12:09 PM  
**To:** Castellana, Ben <[castellana.ben@epa.gov](mailto:castellana.ben@epa.gov)>  
**Cc:** BERMAN, TESSA <[Berman.Tessa@epa.gov](mailto:Berman.Tessa@epa.gov)>  
**Subject:** Re: Contacted by 210 Slauson legal representative

Ben, I would like either myself, Harry or Jason also on the call.

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 3, 2019, at 11:20 AM, Castellana, Ben <[castellana.ben@epa.gov](mailto:castellana.ben@epa.gov)> wrote:

Hi Tessa,  
I was just contacted by Michael Lebow of Slaughter, Reagan, and Cole, representing the Devore family, who owns 210 W. Slauson Ave; they are the Responsible Party for the Slauson Tanker Fire Incident. I

told Mr. Lebow that it would be best to have any discussions about the site with EPA Legal Representatives present. His contact information is:

Michael Lebow  
Law Offices of Slaughter, Reagan and Cole  
(805) 658-7800

I'm pretty open this week, but am in training next week. I wasn't sure if it would be better for you to set up the call or me, but I think you should definitely be on the call. He also indicated that we could set up a call with Bill Slaughter as well.

Thank you,

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